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SLUIZEN van IJMUIDEN — North Sea Canal Locks.

There are four locks of various sizes at the North Sea end of the canal. When the north canal lock was opened in 1929 it was the largest lock in the world. There are plans to enlarge or build a new set to facilitate passage for even larger vessels. You can find more information on the city of IJmuiden on pages 18 & 19.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Friday 25 January	<u>“End of Month Drinks”</u> More information on page 5	
Thursday 31 January	<u>“DJVV Club”</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Sunday 3 February	<u>“Sunday Klaverjas Drive”</u> Cost: \$7.00	11.00 am
Thursday 14 February	<u>“DJVV Club”</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 22 February	<u>“End of Month Drinks”</u> More information on page 5	
Thursday 28 February	<u>“DJVV Club”</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
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Friday 22 March	<u>“End of Month Drinks”</u> More information on page 5	
Sunday 24 March	<u>“Easter Brunch”</u> Members: \$12.00 Guests \$15.00 More information on page 12	10.00 am
Thursday 28 March	<u>“DJVV Club”</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open

Friday 29 March—2nd April Clubhouse closed for Easter.

Sunday 7 April	<u>“Sunday Klaverjas Drive”</u> Cost: \$7.00	11.00 am
Thursday 11 April	<u>“DJVV Club”</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open

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Private Members Parties:

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Minimum charges for using our Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall	from \$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)

Report from your President



President's Report

By the time you read this issue of the Neerlandia Magazine, the Club is back to normal again after the summer break following the very busy November and December months.

From mid November onwards nearly every weekend was

occupied with seasonal activities and I would like to thank the Committee Members and the dedicated kitchen staff for their efforts and for their time spent in the Club.

Reflecting on the seasonal festivities I remember my mixed emotions of relief and excitement. This was the first time that I was in the midst of everything and the organization of every function was new for me so understandably, I was apprehensive. However, supported by a group of people who have organized these events many times before, every function went smoothly.

The Shop

Traditionally the shop is at its busiest with all the products that are so typical for this time of the year. Kerststollen, banketstaven, chocolade letters and marsepein sold like hot cakes. Alex, who has now definitely retired from the shop, assisted Marieke until the end of the year so that he could work together with her and with the sub-clubs for their Christmas functions.

With Alex's departure, another chapter in Neerlandia's rich history has closed. Again, we would like to wish Alex & Janny a long and healthy retirement. You will find an interview with Alex in this issue of the Neerlandia Magazine.

The Committee

During the December Committee Meeting Piet van Dijk, a dedicated Committee Member of several years, announced that his health dictated that he should reconsider his work for the club.

Consequently Piet resigned from the Committee and the committee was left with a vacancy for Assistant Treasurer and that of Membership Officer. The Committee thought hard and deep and concluded that we had to resort to other ways of getting the work done. Due to a chronic shortage of capable Committee Members, we have hired an external person who is remunerated on a hourly basis. Obviously this is not the preferred way, but at least, payments and membership are looked after. After all, the organization has to keep running.

Repair and Maintenance

During the January break, which is traditionally used for the maintenance and upkeep of the premises, the painters came to paint the doors and the ceiling in the hall. We also gave the lady's loo a bit of an update

with contemporary prints that we ordered from the Netherlands.

Quite a difference, don't you think?

Declining Membership

Over the past few months older members have passed on and below you will find the names of those members who are no longer with us. On behalf of the Committee I would like to send my sympathy to those people who lost their loved ones.

We are also experiencing a declining membership amongst the Expatriates as they are sent home or seconded to other projects in other countries.

Volunteers

Over the Christmas period we found that again we had to rely heavily on a small group of volunteers who were willing and able to assist. Dutch Club Neerlandia needs an influx of new members and enthusiastic volunteers, two components of a healthy organization. Without members and volunteers, Neerlandia will not have much of a future. Further in this issue you will find a list of vacancies that we must fill in order to keep the Club running. We are in this together - may 2013 proof to be an excellent year for Neerlandia and its future!

Liana Parker

IN LOVING MEMORY

We received notification that following members have passed away:

Frank van den Heuvel (28 July 2012)

Josta Von Hombracht (12 December 2012)

Karel Leeuwenburg (14 December 2012)

Els van Rooyen (December 2013)

Anna Schoonens (5 January 2013)

John Kieneker (9 January 2013)

Our sincere condolences to all their families from the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA Inc and the Associated clubs:

DJVV (de Jeugd van Vroeger)
the Wednesday Card Club
and the Neerlandia Card Club



May They Rest in Peace.

From your editor,

First of all once again apologies for the late December magazine.

This time the problem was caused by the rear page of the magazine, as the magazine was submitted to the new printer on the 20th of November.

You will have noticed that the rear page has been revamped with a nice large advertisement provided by John Otis, our own Dutch Butcher in WA.

An advertisement like this does not happen overnight as the rough material for the ad is supplied by a Committee member to the printer, they have to design the artwork and then submit it to the Committee and advertiser for approval. Then modifications are made or it is approved. Then a printing proof of the rear page is made, which is also submitted to Australia Post for approval.

Australia Post in typical fashion rejected it and the printer objected to that decision and it went all the way to Canberra for a ruling. This all takes time and the end result was a very late magazine.

We have moved:

On a personal note, we have successfully moved to Bibra Lake just prior to Christmas. It is not the best time of the year to do that, as every business closes down before Christmas until some time in January.

The Perth weather:

Our weather is definitely changing as it is in many parts of the world.

All our seasons are starting much later than normal and during a large part of our summer we seem to get more tropical weather. This can be seen in the form of summer rainfall, high humidity and tropical storms.

This is all due to the Leeuwen Current, which runs along the WA coastline and its water temperature has been increased by quite a few degrees over the last few years. The best thing about it is the summer rainfall, but we could do without the increased humidity.

The Duyfken.

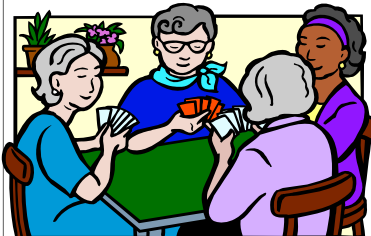
The Duyfken is back in Perth and Maria Wood (nee Bakker) sent in these cute pictures, which were taken in 2004. The Texel sheep had been in WA for 10 years as well and are still going strong. www.texel.org.au/te-rakau

Pieter Leeftang



Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

De eerstvolgende Klaverjas Drives worden gehouden op zondag 3 Februari en op Zondag 3 Maart.



Kosten: \$7.00 per persoon.
Kom gezellig Klaverjassen in het Neerlandia

Clubhuis.

De prijzen zijn tegoed bonnen voor onze winkel.

Lunch & 2 kopjes koffie zijn bij de toegangsprijs inbegrepen.

Aanvang 11.00 uur.
Iedereen is welkom.

**DUTCH IMPORTED LIQUOR**

INMAAK BRANDEWIJN	\$55.00 PER LITER
OUDE Jenever	\$55.00 PER LITER
JONGE Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
CITROEN Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
BEERENBURG	\$50.00 PER LITER
POLLEN BESSEN Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
ZWARTE BESSEN Jenever	\$40.00 PER LITER
CITROEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
KERSEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
MILLWOOD LIQUEUR	\$35.00 per 700 ML
DIKKE ADVOCaat	\$32.00 per 700 ML

AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	10.00 am—Noon



PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN:

Every Wednesday from:
11.00 am—1.00 pm

End of Month Drinks

**The next two End of Month Drinks will be held
on Friday the 22nd of February 2013 and
on Friday the 22nd of March**

**NEW HOURS! The Bar will be open from 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm,
and the Kitchen will remain open until 8.30 pm.**

**Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with old
friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a Dutch
snack or just a cup of coffee!**

Available from our Kitchen:

**Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart! Broodje Kroket! Broodje Frikandel!
Broodje Rookworst! Bitterballen! Chips!**

“Kinder Menus” also available!

The Neerlandia Shop will be open for your convenience!

Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome.



St Nicholaas Brunch

The 2012 Season's festivities started with St Nicholaas' visit to the Brunch on 25 November. As per usual, long before the official opening time, people came in but as the hall was not ready yet, they had to wait in the lounge where everyone happily watched BVN. Later patrons walked into a

colourful and nicely decorated main hall to look for a seat behind the long tables.

Everyone caught up with each other and the hall was filled with laughter and happy voices. Some people came as a part of a group of 10, others had come to celebrate a birthday - whatever the reason, everyone was happy. Shortly after the uitsmijters were served, rumour had it that St Nicholaas had arrived. He had, but much to his distress, and that of his lively Black Pieters, he had lost his "staf".

Luckily enough, management found a girl amongst the diners, who was willing to help and support St Nicholaas so that he could walk in and do his holy bit. Encouraged by the President, many present sat on St Nicholaas' lap which caused some hilarious scenes.

The two Black Pieters handed out small gifts while St Nicholaas moved from table to table chatting with the guests. After the Holy Man had left the building, many stayed behind to talk a bit more and by 2pm the usual group of volunteers could start tidying up.

It had been a great St Nicholaas Brunch!

Please find photos on http://www.flickr.com/photos/dutch_club_neerlandia_in_perth_wa/

Children's St Nicholaas

I find this function probably the most popular of all annual events. St Nicholaas for the children came about when the migrant omas and opas wanted to introduce their grandchildren to this typical Dutch tradition. The kids' parents tagged along and found in the club the bitterballen and kroketjes and atmosphere they remembered so well from their own childhood. Through the years St Nick for the kids has grown to a brilliantly chaotic get together of about 130 people - the parents and grandparents not less expectant than the children. Like every year the children first got entertained by the magician who had an excellent show in the lounge. The life rabbit at the end made for a long queue of children who wanted to stroke the cuddly animal. When all kids had finally returned to the hall, we were told that St Nicholaas and Black Pieters had arrived. The children sat in half a circle while The Holy Man sat on his throne, nicely decorated by the children and volunteer Jackie.

Those who had taken part in the colouring-in competition received a chocolate letter before all the other names were called out to receive a present from St Nichlaas. It is such a pleasure to see how serious the children, Dutch and Australian, treat the presence of St Nicholaas.

When it all came to an end, the President and Secretary decided to give a very special thank you to St Nick. They invited and encouraged every one present to join in the Birdie Song and the Macarena.

This went down very well and everyone left on a happy note.

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Christmas Variety Concert by The Dutch Singers

Christmas celebrations followed and preparations of the sub-clubs and DACWA transformed the Club into a centre of hamper making and various other seasonal activities.

Those people, lucky enough to have secured a ticket, were treated on a very enjoyable entertaining concert by the Dutch Singers, or simply, The Choir.

Before the concert started, both DACWA and DCR were presented with cheques from the Choir for a combined total of \$750, a gesture that was appreciated by all.

A program of old favorites and upbeat Christmas songs were sung in combination with classics and well-known duets. A hilarious highlight was the pantomime - Ron being the most extraordinary angel anyone could ever imagine.

Like every year guest musicians were a part of the Christmas program and again the quality of the performers did not disappoint.

The Choir's raffle proved again to be very popular with, like every year, beautiful hampers filled with products donated by the Choir members.

The Christmas Variety Concert was a worthy close of a very busy two months.

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New Year's Reception

We decided to have a different way of welcoming the New Year this time. Rather than having people book tickets beforehand and provide entertainment for most of the day, the committee had chosen to have a more relaxed way to celebrate.

As this was the first time that we tried the New Year's Reception new style, we had no idea what to expect. Much to our relief around 60 people turned up and were a part of "een gezellige" get together in the hall, whilst others had chosen the intimacy of the lounge to watch the latest Andre Rieu DVD.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we even welcomed some new faces. A lot of members took this opportunity to renew their Neerlandia Membership.

Based on this year's experience, we will probably schedule the 2014 reception at a later date to give the kitchen staff and the committee members more time to have a break and to give members the opportunity to return from their summer holidays.

And, providing that we find volunteers to cook them, yes, we will have appelflappen next year!

Please find photos on http://www.flickr.com/photos/dutch_club_neerlandia_in_perth_wa/

Donations

Thank you Freda & Ben for the gorgeously restored doll's cot that is now in the Children's Paradise. Freda's daughter used to play with it and after her the granddaughters. Now everyone has outgrown the cot and a new generation of Dutch girls and boys can play with it. Thanks again!

Lesley donated another handknit doll; a soft toy or "knuffel" well loved by many youngsters.

Tony van Merwijk, Anne Neil, Maud Berg and Tony Bazen, we would like to say "Thank You" for your generous



Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna & Marieke

financial donations. Every bit helps; every amount is greatly appreciated.

If you donated but your name is not yet in this column, we will have your name in the next issue.

And last but not least, the Committee would like to thank Jacqueline, an enthusiastic Dutch 18 year old club member, who spent the last 5 months in Perth as an intern at Curtin University. Jackie is going home and we will sorely miss her photography during functions, her networking for the club and her ability to be a very lively Zwarte Piet. You certainly leave a smile on the faces of those people who know you.

Vragenlijst Taalkundig Onderzoek

We received the following email:

"My name is Carlijn van Gils and I'm in the sixth grade of pre-university education. I'm doing my linguistic investigation about losing the native language because of emigration. Therefore I made a questionnaire. This questionnaire is meant for Dutch emigrants only. The data will be used confidentially and only for my research".

If you are interested in partaking in this research and you would like to receive a questionnaire, please contact Lianna on lianna_parker@bigpond.com (_between lianna and parker). Please also indicate if you want the questionnaire in the Dutch or in the English language.

Dutch Trivia

Nederland is het land van winterkost: vooral van stampotten met rookworst.

Rookworsten staan in Nederland al ruim vijfhonderd jaar op het menu. Tegenwoordig zijn ze er in vele soorten, van Gelderse rookworst tot scharrelrookworst. De bekendste worst is misschien wel de rookworst van de Hema. Hoeveel rookworsten worden er eigenlijk per jaar in Nederland per persoon gegeten? Enig idee? Per persoon worden in Nederland gemiddeld zes rookworsten per jaar gegeten!

Bron: Ik hou van Holland - weetjes, recepten, kennisvragen, meezingers en nog veel meer - 2013

Membership

With the New Year comes of course the membership renewals. Now that Piet van Dijk had to leave the Committee we lost our Membership Officer. As the Committee is stretched beyond its limits, we have had to hire someone to keep track of the membership renewals and to send out the new cards. While this lady is getting the hang of the tasks involved, it will take a bit longer than usual for you to receive your membership card. We

expect to be on track and to have all the cards processed by 1 April 2013. We appreciate your understanding.

Also, if you know of the passing of a member, could you please advise the President on lianna_parker@bigpond.com (_between lianna and parker)? An announcement will be made in the next issue of the Neerlandia Magazine.

Shop update

Now with the festive season over, Alex Udinga has retired from running the Neerlandia shop. And again, we would like to thank him for his numerous years of excellent service. The Committee and Members wish him good health and an enjoyable retirement.

In the mean time, Marieke has taken over stocking the shop. There were some complaints regarding the increased prices of some items. While the Committee understands the frustration of our shoppers, there really is no alternative than to slightly increase some of the prices. Not only have our utility costs gone up, the wholesale cost of our products has also risen. For instance, the gross cost of a rookworst has recently increased by \$1.40! Dutch Society Neerlandia is a non-profit organization and as such our main aim is not to make more money. Whatever money the shop makes is justified and is used for the benefit of the Club and its members.

Brabants Bont

A friend of mine is looking for Brabants Bont crockery to add to her collection. If you have such items and you are interested in selling, please contact me on lianna_parker@bigpond.com (_between lianna and parker).

Vacancies

We are currently looking for **Committee Members** with new ideas. We are particularly looking for technical people, IT persons for maintenance of our website, kitchenstaff and general. We are also in need of an assistant Secretary. The Club needs **photographers** to take pictures on a roster basis and we are looking for **writers** of Club events. Please contact the President on lianna_parker@bigpond.com (_between lianna and parker). Current Committee Members and Volunteers are stretched to the limit and work pressure is starting to show and to affect those involved.

Dutch Language Books

We would like to thank you all for the generous donations that you made to us over the years. Many people enjoyed many a book from our library. However, to our current readers only books printed after 1995 are of interest. So please do not leave boxes in the library anymore. If you have books, please contact the President on lianna_parker@bigpond.com (_between lianna and parker) to discuss relevance of books and drop off.

Electronic Version of the Neerlandia Magazine

More members are now requesting the electronic version of the Neerlandia Magazine. Reasons are the beautiful colours of the print and the photographs, the presentation in general and the practicality. If you are interested in receiving your copy electronically, please contact the President on lianna_parker@bigpond.com (_between lianna and parker).

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Laughter is still the best medicine



Neil Armstrong:

On July 20, 1969, Commander of the Apollo 11 Lunar module, Neil Armstrong, was the first person to set foot on the moon.

His first words after stepping on the moon, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," were televised to earth and heard by millions of people.

But just before he re-entered the lander, he made the enigmatic remark: "Good luck, Mr Gorsky."

Many people at NASA thought it was a casual remark concerning some rival soviet cosmonaut.

However, upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Russian nor the American space programs.

Over the years, many people questioned Armstrong as to what the—"Goodluck Mr Gorsky" statement meant, but Armstrong always just smiled.

On July 5, 1995, in Tampa Bay, Florida, while answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26-year-old question about Mr Gorsky to Armstrong. This time he finally responded because Mr. Gorsky had died, so Neil Armstrong felt he could now answer the question.

Here is the answer to: "Who was Mr Gorsky."

In 1938, when he was a kid in a small Midwestern town, he was playing baseball with a friend in the backyard. His friend hit the ball, which landed in his neighbour's yard by their bedroom window.

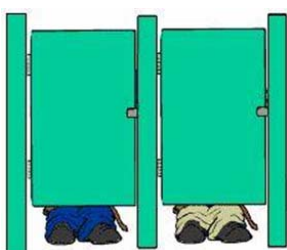
His neighbours were Mr & Mrs Gorsky.

As he leaned down to pick up the ball, young Armstrong heard Mrs Gorsky shouting at Mr Gorsky: "Sex! You want sex?! You'll get sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!"

It broke up the place.

Neil Armstrong's family confirmed this as a true story.

This could happen to you!



I had urgent need and was barely sitting down when I heard a voice from the other toilet saying:

'Hi, how are you?'

I'm not the type to start a conversation in the public toilet but I don't know what got into

me, so I answered somewhat embarrassed,

'Doin' just fine!'

And the other person says:

'So what are you up to?'

What kind of question is that? At that point, I'm thinking this is too bizarre, so I say:

'Uhhh, I'm like you, just travelling!'

At this point I am just trying to get out as fast as I can when I hear another question.

'Can I come over?'

OK, this question is just too weird for me, but I figured I could just be polite and end the conversation.

I say, "No, I'm a little busy right now!!!"

Then I hear the person say nervously...

'Listen, I'll have to call you back. There's an idiot in the other toilet, who keeps answering all my questions.'

Mobile phones, don't you just love them!

EMBARRASSING MEDICAL EXAMS

1. A man comes into the Hospital's emergency services and yells.

'My wife's going to have her baby in the cab.'

I grabbed my stuff, rushed out to the cab, lifted the lady's dress and began to take off her underwear.

Suddenly I noticed that there were several cabs - - - and I was in the wrong one.

2.... At the beginning of my shift I placed a stethoscope on an elderly and slightly deaf female patient's anterior chest wall.

'Big breaths,' . . . I instructed.

'Yes, they used to be,' . . . Replied the patient.

3. While acquainting myself with a new elderly patient, I asked, 'How long you been bedridden?'

After a look of complete confusion she answered . . . '

Why, not for about twenty years - when my husband was alive.'

5. A nurse was on duty in the Emergency Room when a young woman with purple hair styled into a punk rocker Mohawk, sporting a variety of tattoos, and wearing strange clothing, entered..... It was quickly determined that the patient had acute appendicitis, so she was scheduled for immediate surgery...

When she was completely disrobed on the operating table, the staff noticed that her pubic hair had been dyed green and above it there was a tattoo that read . . . ' Keep off the grass.'

Once the surgery was completed, the surgeon wrote a short note on the patient's dressing, which said: 'Sorry . . . had to mow the lawn.'

5. Baby's First Doctor Visit

A woman and a baby were in the doctor's examining room, waiting for the doctor to come in for the baby's first exam. The doctor arrived, and examined the baby, checked his weight, and being a little concerned, asked if the baby was breast-fed or bottle-fed.

'Breast-fed,' she replied...

'Well, strip down to your waist,' the doctor ordered.

She did. He pinched her nipples, pressed, kneaded, and rubbed both breasts for a while in a very professional and detailed examination.

Motioning to her to get dressed, the doctor said, 'No wonder this baby is undernourished, you don't have any milk.'

'I know,' she said, 'I'm his Grandma, but I'm glad I came.'

Sunday Drive, New Members & Merchandise

December Sunday Drive:

Sunday 9th December saw our last Sunday card drive for the year 2012.

We had 7 tables and the atmosphere, as usual, was very good.

We welcomed Jenny Kievit back in our midst, good to see her back again.

With the tea or coffee ready on arrival, all the card players were also treated with a nice piece of banketstaaf, which was certainly very much appreciated by all.

Once all that was consumed, everyone drew a table number and the competition got on the way, with the usual break for lunch, again prepared by Thea and Irma and we thank them very much for the work they do for us in the kitchen time and time again.

The results of the competition was as follows:

1st Prize: Anne Verhoogt	6902 pts
2nd Prize: Louis Marcus	6786 pts
3rd prize Tini Swart	6770 pts



Anne & Tinie, two of the prize winners.

The first card drive in the New Year will be on Sunday 3rd February and the one after that on Sunday the 3rd of March. On behalf of Neerlandia, Gerry wished all members present a very Healthy and Prosperous 2013.
Gerry Creemers.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
THE FOLLOWING ARE NOW
MEMBERS OF
THE DUTCH SOCIETY
NEERLANDIA

Liora Ebben

DE NEERLANDIA WINKEL

Levensmiddelen en allerlei lekkernijen uit Nederland

- ... Bitterballen, Kroketten & Frikandellen.
- ... Van Wees Rookworst.
- ... Leidse & Goudse Kaas
- ... **Gerookte Makreel**
- ... Ontbijtkoek, Gember Koek en Candij Koek
- ... Groenten in glas en in blik
- ... Piccalilly & Zoet-Zure Augurken. (Bommen of Party Sticks)
- ... Zoute Drop, Stroopwafels, Gesorteerde Koekjes & Beschuit
- ... Gestampde Muisjes, Hagelslag, Fruithagel & Chocolate Vlokken
- ... Amandel Koeken, Kano's, Amsterdammers & Speculaasjes en Speculaas Brokken
- ... Stroopwafels en een sortering van andere koekjes

De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:

Elke Woensdag	van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm
Elke tweede Donderdag (DJVV week)	van 11.00 am - 2.00 pm
Elke Donderdag avond	van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm
Iedere Vrijdag	van 10.00 am - Noon

De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden

Profile of a Past President

From this month onwards, you will find a new column. This column will give the reader the opportunity to learn more about the history of the Club and how, with dedication, loyalty and leadership, Neerlandia grew to what it is now.

With his recent retirement, we have chosen Alex Udinga's profile to be the first one in this new series "Past Presidents".



Alex Udinga:

I came to Australia in 1951, direct from Korea where I had served with the UN forces. I was 22 years of age, unattached and worked and lived in many parts of Australia. In 1955 I went back to Holland to visit family and my old haunts in Wageningen where I grew up,

but I was glad to return to Australia's sunny skies in 1956. My wanderings ended when I settled down to married life in 1957 in Adelaide where my bride and her family happened to live.

My involvement with Neerlandia dates back to 1970 when Janny and I left Adelaide with our two boys to make our home in Perth and start a business. I happened to run into Cees van Alphen (no longer with us but well known to older members) who I knew from Adelaide and he urged me to come to the Dutch Club to play Klaverjas. I was reluctant at first, remembering the rumours that circulated in Adelaide about the Dutch Club there. Cees assured me, however, that the Perth club was friendly and free of internal squabbling. To please him I went along to the rented hall in Oxford St. Leederville which was the home of the club at the time. I was made welcome and thoroughly enjoyed playing Klaverjas again. I kept going, joined as member, and not long after became secretary of Card Club Neerlandia, a position I held until about 2003 when I took on the role of treasurer and my wife replaced me as secretary.

It was during the early seventies that the Neerlandia committee was faced with big decisions. Should they continue to save for a block of land on which to build a clubhouse or purchase the function centre in Cambridge St, the current home of Dutch Society

Neerlandia. Along with many others I voted for the purchase of these premises and became one of the debenture holders whose funds made the acquisition possible.

I was President of Neerlandia from 1987 to 1991. At that time the club was not in a strong financial position and covering the annual cost of \$3000 for the magazine had become a serious problem. Chiefly to overcome this, the idea of a shop, within the clubhouse, that sells Dutch food items, was born. The committee approved the proposal wholeheartedly. It was decided that the small bar in the lounge be used and I began canvassing wholesalers to stock the shelves. The shop became an immediate success. During its first year it did much more than cover the cost of the magazine. It made around \$8000 profit enabling the power and gas bills to be paid as well. I was very proud of that.

The first volunteers to serve in the shop were Thea Bloks, Bill de Niet (decd) and myself. Thea told me initially not to count on her to be a volunteer. More than 20 years later she is still there. Many others have given their free time to serve in the shop over the years and I am very grateful to them all for their loyalty.

Though the income the shop generated was a welcome addition to Neerlandia's finances, it was soon apparent that the bar was too small and that a shop inside the large hall, where most activities take place, would be more appropriate.

Charlie Bakker, a skilled carpenter, volunteered his services and he and I changed what was up to that time an office/storeroom, into an area suitable to run a shop. A counter was built, floor to ceiling shelves installed and it received a fresh coat of paint. The end result was a pleasant type of kiosk.

I was in charge of the shop from the very beginning and enjoyed it immensely. I had recently retired from business and this project provided the perfect transition for me. In addition to being President it certainly kept me from becoming bored.

My involvement with the shop has now come to an end. I will miss it but accept that at my age and being less mobile following an ankle break, the committee has had to make alternative decisions concerning the running of the shop.

My wife and I are still active members of Card Club Neerlandia and will continue to be as long as our health allows.

I wish Neerlandia and its current committee a prosperous future.

Alex Udinga

Volunteers, the lifeline of Neerlandia.



They work behind the bar, set up a sound system or serve guests in the Kitchen. Our volunteers are always ready and can be seen every day.



Christmas parcels for the Wed Card Club and more Bar & Kitchen volunteers.



Pictures from the Christmas Variety Concert and the Children's St Nicholas party.

The new Year's Celebration on the 6th of January.



Toos, Ben, Hannie, Frans and Paula.



Nannie, Samuael and Arnoud.



Young and old, they all enjoyed a quiet drink and a chat.

Photos by: Louis James, Pieter Leeftang, Jacqueline Kommers & Anna Woerlee

The DDJV Christmas Lunch & Upcoming Function

Kerstfeest vieren met de Jeugd van Vroeger

Alex en ik hadden het genoegen als gasten op 20 December dit leuke feest bij te wonen. Het begon met een lekker kopje koffie en een flink stuk Kerststaaf. We zagen weer bekende gezichten en maakten een praatje met deze en gene. Wel valt het op dat de JVV niet groter wordt, jammer maar begrijpelijk.

De muziek werd zoals in andere jaren verzorgd door de



alom bekende accordeonist, Len Gluver. Ik geloof dat er geen instrument zo geschikt is om sfeer te scheppen als de accordeon. Len, ondanks zijn hoge leeftijd (90 next birthday) bespeelt het nog

met enthousiasme, hoewel hij er af en toe even bij zitten moest want het ding is loodzwaar.

Ik weet het want na afloop heb ik geholpen het in z'n auto te tillen. Ik zat naast hem aan tafel en hij vertelde wat droevig dat hij een paar weken terug zijn vrouw verloren had en eigenlijk niet in een feest stemming was, maar hij had de JVV beloofd dat hij komen zou en hij hield zich aan zijn belofte. Ik weet zeker dat iedereen daar erg blij om was.

Een hoogtepunt van dit Kerstfeest is altijd de Raffle Draw. Twee tafels stonden volgepakt met mooie prijzen en raffle tickets verkochten vlot. Omdat er zo veel prijzen waren besloot het bestuur de verloting in drie stages te doen. Al gauw na de koffie werd de eerste 'draw' gehouden. Dit ging steeds gepaard met veel gejuich van de tafel waar de gelukkige winnaars zaten. Merkwaardig is het altijd dat zo vaak het nummer van een zelfde persoon keer op keer uit de ton komt. Er zou misschien een regel moeten zijn dat na twee keer winnen het nummer opnieuw getrokken wordt zodat meer

mensen een kansje hebben.

Voor het diner werd de grabbelton nog een keer tevoorschijn gehaald, weer veel juichen en lachen en na het diner voor de laatste keer, tot de tafels total leeg waren. Ik geniet er altijd weer van en ging ook met een prijsje naar huis.

Het diner bestond uit Prawn Cocktail als entrée, Turkey, Ham en Pork met Potato croquettes en groenten als hoofdmaal. Het was heel smakelijk en de Pavlova als toetje ging er ook vlot in. We hebben allemaal lekker gesmikkeld.

Na de laatste raffle draw kwam Len Gluver weer op de been, hees zijn zwaar instrument over zijn schouders en zette de aanstekelijke wijsjes van de polonaise in.



Hij wilde de dag niet eindigen zonder de polonaise, vertelde hij me later. Dat hoort bij een Hollands feest. Geleid door Freda vormde er al gauw een stoet die al maar langer werd. Er werd

vrolijk gedanst en gezongen and zo bleef de stemming er tot het laatst toe in.

Alle lof aan het bestuur van de Jeugd van Vroeger voor het organiseren van dit feest. Veel werk gaat aan zoiets vooraf, maar alle mensen een fijne dag bezorgen geeft veel voldoening en een fijne dag was het. Onze hartelijke dank!

Janny Udinga

For more pictures and an amusing video of the Christmas Lunch, please go to http://www.flickr.com/photos/dutch_club_neerlandia_in_perth_wa/sets/72157632352647452/

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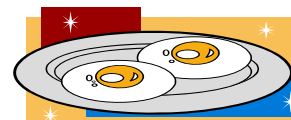
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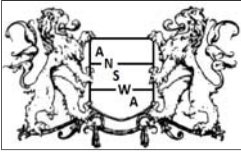
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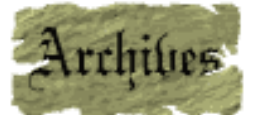
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Anne Rietveld



From the President:

Dear Readers,
Firstly let me wish all readers a very happy and healthy New Year 2013.
We at ANSWA are looking forward to an eventful year. We had a wonderful 1952 reunion last year with over 300 visitors attending. The event gave us encouragement to hold further events. We would of course like more volunteers to help us, as it is a tremendous task for the small ANSWA committee. My special thanks go to Marjorie Bly, the Assistant Director of the National Archives of Western Australia. She helped many of the visitors who came to find their archival history. If anyone needs further archival information please do not hesitate to see Marjorie Bly at the National Archives, they are situated at 384 Berwick Street, East Victoria Park. Their telephone number is 9470 7530. My thanks go to all who helped with the event for without them it would have been an impossible task. We are anticipating another reunion in 2014.



I have just read in the Telegraph:



Geert Wilders

“Australia will allow Dutch far-Right MP Geert Wilders to visit for a speaking tour because banning his entry – even though he is an “ignorant” and “wrong-headed” provocateur would make him a hero”

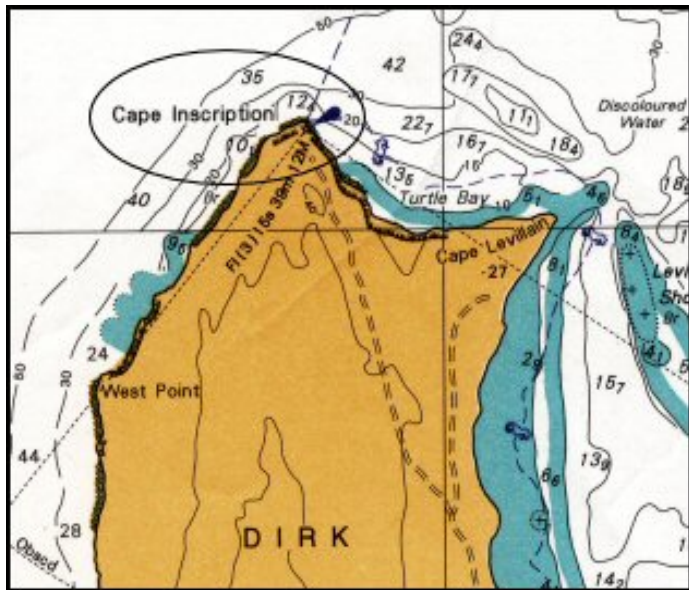
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The year 2016 will be a very significant one for ANSWA.

The Dutch explorer Dirk Hartog was the first European to make a recorded landfall in Western Australia (1616). The 400th anniversary of this historical landing will be celebrated in 2016. We at ANSWA will be helping to promote this event with various activities over the coming years.

Many committees are already busy with organising this historical event by holding activities within their local area to culminate



Dirk Hartog Island with Cape Inscription circled.

with the big event on the 25th of October 2016. The Cape Inscription committee are working on the restoration of the lighthouse keeper's quarters.

The Dirk Hartog National Park is one of the most historical islands, for mammals' conservation is being ecologically restored to its pristine environment as it was in 1616 - by the

Department of Environment

The Dirk Hartog Committee is planning key celebratory activities.

The Dirk Hartog Committee is chaired by the Hon Ken Baston MLC and includes Vince Catania MLA and Dr Phillip Playford.



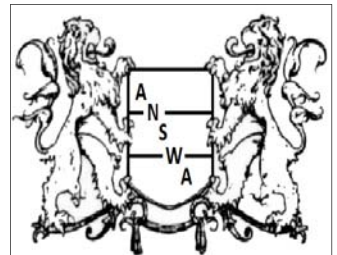
**Dirk Hartog
1580-1621**

As this is a significant

part of our Dutch Heritage in Western Australia we at ANSWA will be busy on how we can contribute to this event and we hope that you will support us to make it eventful.

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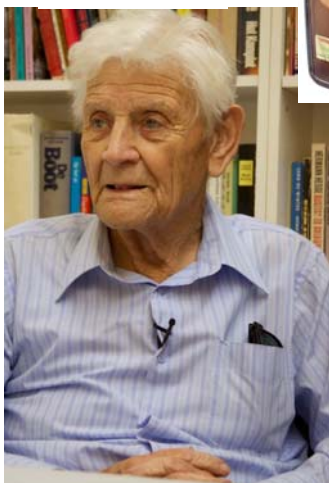
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ANSWA's 1952 Migrant Reunion at Neerlandia

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY & IT INVOLVES THE DUTCH

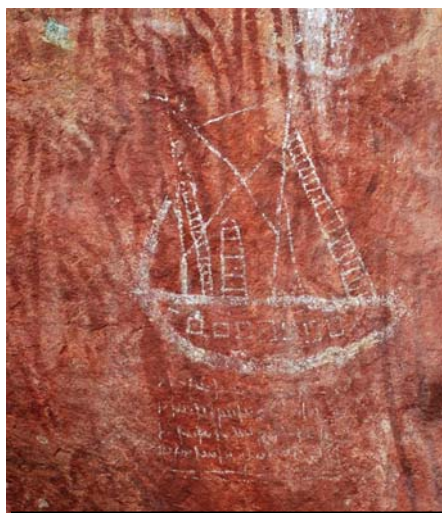
So who discovered Australia & when?

Well of course the first immigrants to this fine country were those who came across from the Malay Archipelago possibly some 60,000



years or so ago. Some say they walked across when a lot of the land and islands were one

mass but the more one reads about this the more I believe they still had a little boating to do to get here. They of course became the Aborigines of Australia. Whether they had a name for their new home is not known as of course there was no written history. There is quite a bit of Aboriginal art, cave



This is a very old etching at Walga Rock just a little south west of Cue in WA but 420 kms east of Geraldton—it shows an old ship of 17th or 18th century style and some writing beneath it (albeit difficult to decipher) — the locals of that area did not write at that time???

etchings and paintings and it would be great if one could translate all those markings depicting history of an early & ancient time. The 1st Australians soon occupied a lot of the country. With various family groups separating and moving through the country by foot. They would have travelled along streams and rivers and camping by rock holes/water holes. Some remained along the coast but probably moved inland when necessary and when the seasons changed to help with their survival. They would have lived

off whatever they could find by way of hunting, fishing and gathering edible plants.

The first known Europeans to discover and also map Australia were the Dutch Explorers. Like Janszoon, Hartog, de Vlamingh and more. This was from 1606 and onwards.

Most of the country discovered and mapped in the time of those early Dutch explorers was Western Australia. Which became known amongst other names 'New Holland'.

There were the Dutch shipwrecks along our coast that many of you know about—the most infamous was of course the Batavia. But there were others that in fact left some survivors to fend for themselves in this then, harsh land. It is believed that some of these survivors mixed with the aboriginal people and the Nhunda people of the area from Geraldton up to Shark Bay will tell you that their forefathers were Dutch. So it is quite possible that the Dutch have a very strong link with this side of Australia going back to at least 1712.

Of course there were others like the French, some say the Portuguese and also the British who discovered various parts of Australia.

Dampier, an Englishman and one-time pirate, for one—explored the north west coast of Australia in 1699 and was apparently the first European to see Kangaroos (large hopping animals!).

Later on in 1770 another Englishman and quite renowned navigator for his time Capt. Cook explored the east coast of Australia. He named and claimed New South Wales for the British Crown.

When the British eventually made their way over to WA in the 1820's. Capt. Stirling named and claimed the Swan River Settlement for the British Crown in 1829. In time it grew into a big settlement and also began to spread out northerly, southerly and inland. Of course Albany in the south had already been claimed by the Brits a little earlier.

Both in the north of this state and

the south of this state the 1st Australian was pushed further and further from his land. Being prohibited from what came naturally to them in their homeland of 60,000 years or so—like hunting, fishing and gathering. Often being mistaken as stealing from the white settlers. But that's a very long, long awkward & sad story but worth investigating as it is very much a part of this country's history & should be remembered as such for the aboriginal people of this land—the 1st Australian.

But back to the Dutch and their possible early settling in this country.

There is evidence up and down this coast of WA that indicate that the Dutch were here for more than just a few days and that a lot of the survivors did in fact do that, survive. Remnants of shipwrecks used as sign posts or parts of shelters. Firearms, bottles, buckles, tobacco tins and not just on the foreshores but in caves and at old campfires sites.

But above all else we should in fact take on board & investigate & believe what the aboriginal people have to say about all this. They may not have a paper trail of history like we do but they do have their etchings, drawings and what they have brought down from father to son, from mother to daughter. Western Australia for me in particular has a very interesting and long history and is NOT a young country as some might like to believe. It does have a short British history but that's about where the short history ends.

There is so much to this great place and it is well worth investigating and researching.

In 2016 we will be celebrating 400 years since Dutchman Dirk Hartog first left his mark at Dirk Hartog Island, Shark Bay in WA.

I look forward in time to see much more of the forgotten history being included/added to enrich and to enhance this country's history.

Henny Crijns...





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Congratulations and we hope that they can happily put to good use the Voucher from the Neerlandia shop which was kindly donated by the Dutch Society Neerlandia.

Yours sincerely,



Henny Crijns...

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The Port City of IJmuiden

IJMUIDEN



IJMUIDEN is a port city in the Dutch province of North Holland and is the main town in the municipality of Velsen. It is located at the mouth of the North Sea Canal to Amsterdam and lies approximately 17 kilometres north of Haarlem and 25km west from Amsterdam. Population in 2009 was approximately 30,000.

The port of IJmuiden is situated along the North Sea canal estuary, which discharges into the sea through enormous locks. Cruise ships moor at the Felison Terminal, which is strategically located on the seaward side of the locks.

HISTORY

In the Roman era, this Velsen district was already inhabited, and archaeological finds at the impoldered lake of Wijkermeer, indicate there was a North Sea port of some regional importance built here. Present day IJmuiden includes four harbors: the *vissershaven* (Ship's code IJM), a fishing dock (*visafslag*), the *haringhaven*, the *IJmondhaven* and the *Seaport Marina IJmuiden*, a harbour for pleasure craft. IJmuiden became the largest fishing port of the Netherlands after the island of Urk became closed in by the Afsluitdijk. The town suffered heavy damage and demolition during World War II, because of its maritime importance.

MOUTH OF THE IJ

Before the present IJmuiden was built, the area was known as Breesaap; it was a desolate plain where only a handful of farmers strived to make a living.

Plans to connect Amsterdam with a canal to the North Sea, with its mouth in this area, had been drawn up already since 1626, but was only set into motion in the 19th Century, when in 1851 the whole area was sold to the entrepreneurs Bik and Arnold. The first spade hit the ground on 8 April 1865.

IJmuiden is the newest city in North Holland, and only came into existence on November 1, 1876, when the North Sea Canal was officially opened by William III of the Netherlands, connecting the Amsterdam harbours to the open sea. He dubbed the town "IJmuiden" after passing the locks from the North Sea into the canal. After his ship, the paddle steamer 'Stad Breda' built by the Stoomvaart Maatschappij Zeeland, passed, the first ship from Amsterdam, the 'SS Rembrandt' built by the Royal Netherlands Steamship Company (KNSM), passed the other way. The workers who dug the canal later settled there; they found work after the canal was finished in the fishing industry, but many also suffered extreme poverty.

The IJmuiden name literally means "mouth of the IJ", which is a hint to the importance the town has for the Amsterdam harbour. The name "IJmuiden" first appeared as *IJ-muiden* in lines written in 1848 by the professor and journalist (and, later, a liberal finance minister in the Van Lynden van Sandenburg Cabinet) Simon Vissering. The present *IJmuiden* form was eventually adopted in 1876, as the North Sea Canal was being completed in this section.

In 1890 it had about 1,500 inhabitants, but boomed when the Koninklijke Nederlandse Hoogovens steelworks settled in IJmuiden in 1918. At that time shipping was at a low, because during World War I minesweepers laid many mines off the coast of IJmuiden. Also the canal mouth needed constant dredging due to the littoral drift in both directions on an open, sandy coast, due to winds blowing alternately from opposite quarters, sand accumulates in the sheltered angles outside the harbour between each converging breakwater and the shore.



Hoogovens-Steel Works IJmuiden

The Port City of IJmuiden

WORLDWAR II

After the German invasion of the Netherlands on May 10, 1940, the Dutch Royal family left the country from IJmuiden in the late evening of May 12, on board the British destroyer HMS *Codrington*. The quays at IJmuiden were crowded at that time with people desperate to be transported across the channel, sometimes at great expense. During the German occupation, the canal was out of operation and the Germans destroyed most of IJmuiden to create what they called *Festung IJmuiden* (Fortress IJmuiden), a heavily defended area in which the entire civilian population had been removed.

IJmuiden became the site of two separate fortified pens constructed by the German navy to house their Schnellboote (fast torpedo boats, known to the Allies as "E-boats") and Biber midget submarines. The older structure, codename Schnellbootbunker AY (SBB1), was protected by a 10-foot (3.0 m) thick concrete roof. The newer one, codename Schnellbootbunker BY (SBB2), had 10–12 feet (3.0–3.7 m) of concrete, with a further 2–4-foot (0.61–1.2 m) layer separated by an air gap.



German "E-Boat"

The E-boats laid up in the shelters during the day, safe from air-attack, and put to sea under cover of night to attack Allied shipping. The pens were priority targets after D-Day as the torpedo boats they protected were a considerable threat to the supply lines serving Allied forces in western Europe and were subjected to repeated air attack. This included four attacks by No. 9 Squadron and No. 617 Squadron of the Royal Air Force, during which a total of 53 of the five-ton, Tallboy earthquake bombs were dropped. There were also two attacks in 1945 by the American air force with rocket-powered Disney bombs, specialist weapons designed to penetrate fortified, concrete bunkers that could resist conventional bombs.

NORTH HOLLAND GATE TO THE NORTH SEA

After the war, the town was rebuilt according to a plan by the architect Willem Marinus Dudok. The statistical area IJmuiden, which includes the surrounding countryside, has a population of 30,466.

The North Sea Canal connects the North Sea with the IJ Bay in Amsterdam, and the importance of this ship canal has been recognized with the introduction of the "Holland Route" along the canal by the European Route of Industrial Heritage (ERIH). The places to see on this route are the Hoogovens Museum, the system of sluice gates at the mouth of the canal, and the Zee- en Haven Museum in IJmuiden. The sluice gates, or more commonly called locks, are among the largest in the world and one set is able to close off a shipping lane 50 metres (164 ft) wide and 12 meters (39 ft) deep. There are plans to enlarge or build a new set to facilitate passage for even larger vessels.



IJmuiden Haven

The major steel works of Corus Strip Products IJmuiden, formerly known as Koninklijke Hoogovens, is situated on the north side of the North Sea Canal. The headquarters of the Koninklijke Nederlandse Redding Maatschappij is also located in IJmuiden.



IJmuiden Town Hall



Gulls in the sunset at IJmuiden



Sea and Harbour Museum

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet.

December Functions in and outside Neerlandia

OUR SINTERKLAAS VISITS THE ROSSMOYNE PRIMARY SCHOOL



JOYFUL SINGING AT NEERLANDIA WITH THE DUTCH SINGERS

Sinterklaas came 'Down Under' to visit the children at the Rossmoyne Primary School and found they were more than ready for him!

Wednesday the 5th of December was a wonderful day for the children of Year 5 at the Rossmoyne Primary School in WA. Sinterklaas paid them a well-earned visit because not one had been 'naughty' but all had been 'nice'; in fact the whole school was in attendance to witness this traditional Dutch event.

This event was orchestrated by teacher Monique Hill, herself Dutch, a whole learning event for her class and the school about 'our' Sinterklaas.

Everyone was captured in the magic created in the coming of 'The Old Sint' and their participation in the tradition.

Congratulations to Monique and the wonderful children of Year 5 who also created their own scarves and aprons for their Dutch costumes. They had also baked 'pepernoten' in readiness for Sinterklaas' arrival.

Poems were read and Dutch songs were sung & children also played violins and recorders to accompany the singing.

It turned out to be a very happy, very colourful and a very traditionally Dutch happening for all who were present.

Special thanks to the Year 5 children, their teacher Monique Hill (nee Ottenhof), her mother Nel Ottenhof, the 'Old Sint' Gerardus Woerlee – who at his young age of 93 years had a great time, and his daughter Anna Ward.

Photos provided by Anna Ward.



Sinterklaas' entourage.



Sinterklaas gets a little help.



Two Wise Men Wes & Gerard



Duets show the talents of the individual Dutch Singers

Christmas Carols at Neerlandia with the Dutch Singers:

The Dutch Singers performed a varied programme which gave everyone enjoyment and an opportunity to join in singing some of the old favourite carols such as 'Steek dan een kaatsje aan', 'Kerstmis in Holland', 'De herderjes lagen bij nachten', 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo', 'Six White Boomers', 'Silent Night' etc....

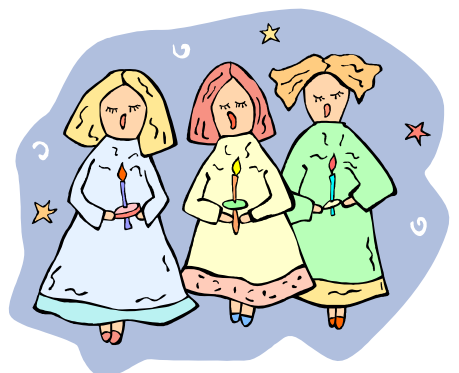
Ron Wilson starred as an 'old fairy' and sang 'Nobody Loves a Fairy When She's Forty'. This certainly had everyone laughing.... while Ron/ alias Fairy was lamenting his fate as an 'old fairy'.

'We three Kings' was performed by 3 ages; young boy, Nicholas, Wes Langhaus and Gerardus Woerlee....

Very talented young people, Nicholas (singer), Oliver (singer), Cecile Vuailat (saxophone) and Andrew (vibraphone), performed solo as well as with the Dutch Singers.

What a talented group of people!

Words & photos by Anna Ward.



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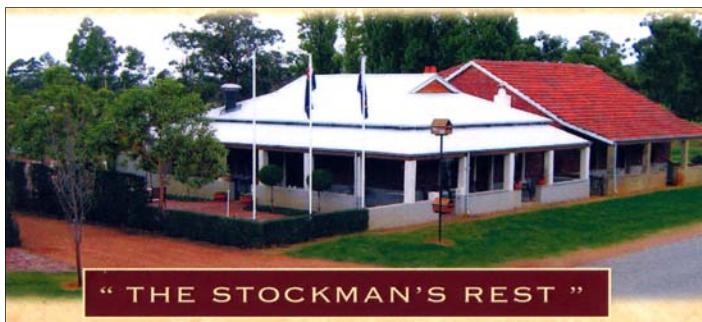
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Neerlandia Cardclub News

On the 30th September we reached the end of our financial year. The committee decided to call an annual meeting to provide the members with an opportunity to voice their opinion on the performance of the club over the past twelve months and to perhaps join the committee in any capacity for the ensuing year.

The meeting was held on the 8th November. Unfortunately nobody came forward to offer their services and it appeared that everyone was happy leaving the running of the club in the hands of the existing committee, who offered their services for another year. The members indicated a preference for a short meeting so the reading of last year's minutes and president's report was dispensed with. A financial report was presented by the treasurer Alex Udinga which indicated that once again the expenditure exceeded our income and that there was a need for an increase in fees.

The decision by the committee to increase the contribution from \$1.50 to \$2.00 and the price of a cup of coffee from \$ 0.70 to \$ 1.00, which had already been announced in an earlier Neerlandia magazine, was confirmed and accepted. It was further agreed that the financial year be extended to the end of December instead of September which brings the financial accounts in line with our actual annual operation.

A short discussion took place when Henk Smith raised the subject of the same members always winning the competition prizes due to having better memories. It was pointed out however that there also was a prize for the player with an average score. There being no further business the meeting closed within 12 minutes. A satisfactory result from our members' point of view.

On the 13th December the club enjoyed their wind-up night and it was pleasing to see that apart from two members everybody else was in attendance. After having played for about an hour and a half, an end was called to the games and the tables were re-arranged in a cosier arrangement. All members present had received a voucher for a free drink from the bar which was manned by Tony Horsten and Pieter Leeftang. In addition, Janny Udinga with the help of a few other ladies had prepared some snacks for the occasion. While every one enjoyed their drink and snacks, the presentation of the competition prizes took place and were handed as follows:

Bolivia Prizes

Fortnightly players: Lies Baggen
235020 points \$10.00
Weekly Players : Thea Gorter
257270 points \$10.00

Klaverjas prizes

First prize: Pieter Segers
76824 points \$25.00
Second prize: Herman Gerards
74534 points \$20.00
Third prize: Henk Arts
74488 points \$15.00
Marsen prize: Freda Hovingh
29 marsen \$10.00
Average prize: Henk Smit
70539 points \$10.00

Henk Smit received his prize under tremendous applause in view of his comment at our annual meeting which was accepted by him gracefully. The actual average score for the competition was 70555 points and he turned out to be closest.

The marsen prize went to Freda Hovingh as runner up to the third prize winner Henk Arts who actually had the highest number of marsen i.e. 30 but under our rules does not qualify for a second prize.

All prize winners were congratulated and the other members were wished success in the future.

We then continued with the distribution of our Christmas parcels which once again as in previous years were organised and prepared by Alex and Janny Udinga. This incidentally is a tremendous difficult task and we thank them for their great effort.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my committee members for their contribution to running our club during this year and I am looking forward to their continued support. There are also a few non committee members who have helped out during the year. In particular the ladies who every Thursday night clean up the coffee cups. They are too many to name but we have all seen them at work. Thank you ladies for your assistance. Hopefully it will be resumed in the new year. Also Bettina Tonkin, who took over the collection of fees from Janny Udinga during her absence. Our thanks for your help and we hope we can once again rely on your assistance, when required, during the ensuing year. Although this report will appear in the next Neerlandia magazine we still hope that you experienced a Merry Christmas and we wish all members a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Looking forward to seeing you all again on the 24th January.

Murray Koedyk

Admirals of the States of Holland.

Piet Pieterszoon Hein was born in Delfshaven (now part of Rotterdam) on the 25th November 1577. He became a seafarer at a young age, but like many others, he got captured by the Spanish and finished as a galley slave for about four years, probably from 1598-1602, when he was exchanged for Spanish prisoners as was usual in those days. Piet was not very lucky at the start of his career, as again between 1603 and 1607 the Spanish got hold of him once more near Cuba. When free again, he joined the VOC (Verenigde Oost-Indiesche Compagnie) and left for Asia, returning to Holland with the rank of captain five years later. Records written in those days show clearly how hazardous life was when riding the waves in those often slow moving, heavily laden merchant vessels. He was captured by the Venetians and pressed into their service in 1618, when he captained his ship *Neptunus*. He escaped and returned to Holland, leaving his ship behind. Then came his breakthrough with his appointment in 1623 as Vice-Admiral of the WIC (West Indiesche Compagnie), which was formed in 1622. From then on Piet Hein was successful with his exploits near the Brazilian coast, harassing Portuguese shipping and during a raid in 1627, his fleet managed to overpower thirty richly loaded Portuguese merchant vessels, after which he returned to Holland with his loot. News was trickling through to Holland that another Spanish treasure-fleet was being brought together in the West Indies and so in 1628 Admiral Hein sailed out with Witte de With as his Flag Captain.



Piet Hein

Piet Hein hated the Spanish for the four years he had to survive as a galley-slave after having been captured. Both were determined to relieve the Spaniards of their ill gotten silver and gold. Now part of the Spanish fleet in Venezuela had been warned because a Dutch cabin boy had been lost on a coastal island called Blanquilla near Venezuela, captured by the Spanish and betraying the plan. However the other part of the treasure-fleet coming from Mexico did not know about this and sailed on, right into the trap Piet Hein and his combined fleets had set. Sixteen Spanish ships were captured, one Galleon was taken by surprise during the night, nine smaller merchant vessels were talked into surrender and four galleons were trapped in the Bay of Matanzas on Cuba. Close to twelve million guilders in value were taken in that raid and transferred to the WIC offices in Amsterdam. This money paid the Republic's armies for a full eight months campaigning in the war against Spain.

Admiral Piet Hein's fleet was strengthened with a squadron under Vice-Admiral Joost Banckert and believe this or not, well known Dutch pirate Moses Cohen Henriques had joined the expedition as well, a valued addition as he knew his way around the Caribbean and Brazil. Dutch Moses Cohen was from Portuguese Jewish ancestry and hated the Spanish as well as the Portuguese for his people's suffering under their cruel rule.

And again one sometimes wonders about those rough sea-going warriors; Piet Hein ordered his crew to supply the crew of all those Spanish vessels with sufficient food and personally gave them directions in Spanish how to walk to Havanna. Well, Piet learned that language during his four years as a galley slave.

Piet Hein left the WIC after the company reneged on their promise of his share in the takings and so took up the offer of the States of Holland to the position of Lieutenant-Admiral of the navy on the 26th of March 1629. He died the same year during a battle against the *Duinker* privateers, where deliberately he steered his flagship in between two enemy ships, giving them both a broadside at the same time. A cannon-ball hit and killed him instantly. He is buried in the Oude Kerk in Delft.

Maerten Harpertszoon Tromp born 23 April 1598 in Brill (Den Briel), was the son of a naval officer, who's wife washed sailor's clothes to earn some extra income. When nine years old, young Tromp sailed with his father in a squadron as part of 26 warships, surprising a Spanish fleet of 21 ships anchored in the harbour of Gibraltar. After four hours of action, most of the Spanish ships were destroyed, inclusive ten galleons. Their commander was dead as well and up to 4000 crew dead and captured. The Dutch lost 100 crew members and its commander Jacob van Heemskerck. Three years later, when Tromp's father was discharged from the navy, they sailed together on a merchant ship to Guinea, on the west coast of Africa. They were not lucky there, as they were attacked and overcome by seven ships of the pirate Peter Easton, an English naval officer turned pirate. Maerten's father was killed by a cannon ball and he was sold into slavery. Two years later he regained his freedom and returned to Rotterdam where he worked in a shipyard. Again young Maerten went to sea when he was nineteen years old, but again his luck run out when Barbary Corsairs enslaved him five years later after a fierce battle. He was released on the recommendation of the pirate John Ward, who had turned Muslim while working together with the Bey of Tunis and calling himself Usuf Reis. Young Maerten finally made it in July 1622 when he was appointed lieutenant in the service of the Admiralty of the Maas, based in Rotterdam. His first success came when, as flag captain of Lieutenant-Admiral Piet Hein, on his ship the *Miegengle Groene Draeck*, he did distinguish himself after his commander was killed during a battle with the *Duinker* privateers in 1629.

It was Stadtholder Prince Frederick Hendrick himself who appointed Maerten Tromp as full Captain and Squadron



Maerten Tromp

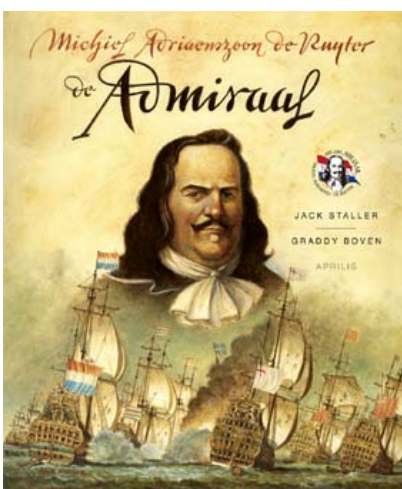
Commander against those pesky pirates, sailing out from *Duinker* harbour. Despite receiving four honorary golden chains, as was usual at the time for excellent service rendered to the Republic, further promotions were not forthcoming. Disappointed and after the death of his first wife in 1633 Tromp left the navy in 1634 to become a deacon for a few years and re-married Alijth

Admirals of the States of Holland

Arckenboudt, daughter of a wealthy Brill councilor and tax collector.

Like it has always been with governments, erstwhile very successful commander Tromp came in line again for promotion to Lieutenant-Admiral of Holland and West-Frisia in 1637, when the present incompetent naval flag officers placed there by friends in high places, were removed from duty. Even though Prince Frederick Hendrick was his superior, in fact Tromp was now the supreme commander of the Dutch Navy. His day of glory came on the 21st October 1629 with the Battle of the Downs, where the Spanish fleet was decisively beaten by the various Dutch battle-groups, with Commander Witte de With in charge of one of those. Tromp was hailed as a hero and received ten thousand Guilders as a reward, Witte de With received one thousand guilders as a reward. This caused some acrimony between the two leaders, and Witte had pamphlets printed and distributed at the time, telling Tromp was avaricious and that he was the real hero of the day.

Again Tromp distinguished himself in the first Anglo-Dutch war in the various battles of Dover, Portland, the Gabbard and Scheveningen, where during a fierce cannonade Tromp on his flagship Brederode was mortally wounded by a sniper in the rigging of the English Admiral William Pen's flagship. Tromp's death was not only a severe blow to the Dutch Navy, but also to the cause of the Orangist Movement, who tried to defeat Cromwell's Commonwealth and restore the Stuart Monarchy. In Holland, the Republican movement increased in strength after the Battle of Scheveningen, leading to the end of the first Anglo-Dutch naval war and the Treaty of Westminster, in which the Republican Raadspensionaris Johan de Witt had to (willingly) sign that 'Secret Act of Seclusion', forever excluding a descendent of the House of Orange to become Stadtholder of the Republic.



Michiel Adriaenszoon de Ruyter was the most famous one of all of the Republic's admirals. Apart from this he was also a favourite of the crews of whom he was their commander as he was generally known as 'Bestevaer', meaning good to sail with or a good father. Probably as from early on he went to sea already, alternating with shore

jobs like rope-making, according to the well-known Dutch song: 'In een blauw geruiten kiel stond hij aan het groote wiel.'

He fought as a musketeer under Prince Maurits during the relief of Bergen op Zoom. After that Michiel went to sea again as an Opper-Koopman or super-cargo on a trading vessel to the Barbary Coast in the Mediterranean from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Lybia, where he privateered as a sideline for the firm of Lampsins in their

ship 'Den Graeuwen Heynst, which gave him the nickname in the Old-Dutch language of 'de Ruyter' or the Raider, a name that stuck and which he adopted. After being involved in whaling for some years, the Zeeland Admiralty offered him to be the captain of a merchant ship 'De Haze', turned into a man-of-war carrying 26 guns in a fleet under Admiral Gijssels fighting the Spanish. Then, with de Ruyter as third in command, the Dutch beat a Spanish squadron off Cape Vincent in 1641 on the 4th of November. When he returned back to Zeeland, de Ruyter bought his own ship the 'Salamander' and from 1642 till 1652 he mainly travelled to Morocco and the West Indies, trading successfully and amassing not only wealth, but also a great esteem and respect under other Dutch officers by freeing Christian slaves and paying their ransom out of his own pocket. During the first Anglo-Dutch war (1652-1654) de Ruyter acted as sub-commander of a squadron of Zeeland's so called 'Director Ships', being privately financed war-ships forming part of the Republic's fleet. After Tromp's death during the battle of Scheveningen which also ended this war, de Ruyter was offered supreme command of the Republic's Navy by Raadspensionaris Johan de Wit, he declined however fearing conflict with his erstwhile naval commander Witte de With. Amsterdam then offered him to become Vice-Admiral of the States of Holland on 2 March 1654. With the 'Tijdverdrijf' as his flagship, de Ruyter in command of eight ships, took off for the Mediterranean to protect a convoy of 55 merchant vessels. On that trip he captured some infamous corsairs.

For a number of years de Ruyter operated in the Baltic Sea area and protecting the commercial interests of both the Republic and friendly Denmark, he gained the lifelong friendship of the Danish King Frederick III who knighted him in 1659. From then on Michiel did again convoy duty in the Mediterranean and being ordered to the West Indies, he attacked and destroyed a number of English vessels with his squadron of 13 naval vessels, till the Second Anglo-Dutch war broke out in 1665 and he returned to Holland. There he was in charge of the great assault on the English Medway Naval Yards, destroying most of the English fleet and sailing home with their flagship 'The Royal Charles'. Again de Ruyter distinguished himself during the Third English war (1672-1674), the now well known Republic's 'Rampjaar' 1672, when France as well as Bernard van Galen, (Bomben Berend of Groningen), Bishop of Munster, and Maximilian of Bavaria, Bishop of Cologne attacked at the same time. The Orangist party took over, re-establishing Prince Willem III as Stadtholder and deposed Raadspensionaris Johan de Witt, who was lynched later on together with his brother Cornelis.

De Ruyter saved the day for the Republic by defeating the English and French fleets at the Battles of Solebay in 1672, Schooneveld 1673 and Texel 1673, thereby warding off an evasion. As a reward, Stadtholder Willem III appointed de Ruyter to the highest military position the Republic had to offer, that of Lieutenant-Admiral-General of the Republic. De Ruyter died in 1676, when a cannon ball hit him during a naval battle with France near Stromboli, supporting his erstwhile enemy Spain. That is the joy of reading history, 'Het kan verkeren'.

Gerard Woerlee.

Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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A Codebreaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle. All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number!

The codes for 3 letters are revealed in this puzzle. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

I found the last Codebreaker not too easy, but once I found the words "Echo" & "Richochet", I was on my way.

The December solution was:
A=20; B=7; C=1; D=2; E=13;
F=17; G=17; H=14; I=15; J=9;
K=19; L=23; M=25; N=12;
O=18; P=5; Q=10; R=6; S=26;
T=11; U=21; V=3; W=24; X=4;
Y=22; Z=8.

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Sudoku - Easy

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Sudoku - Moderate

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